

HOUSE BILL 629

By Gillespie

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5; Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 5 and Title 71, Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to elderly and vulnerable adults.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-6-103, is amended by deleting subdivision (d)(1) and substituting:

(1) Notify the appropriate law enforcement agency and district attorney general in all cases in which the report involves abuse, neglect, or exploitation of the adult by another person or persons, and provide law enforcement and the district attorney general with the identity of the person reporting the abuse, neglect, or exploitation, in accordance with § 71-6-118(c)(2);

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-6-118(c)(2)(B), is amended by deleting the language "; however, the identity of the person who reported the alleged conduct shall only be provided pursuant to subdivision (c)(2)(C) and subsection (d)" and substituting the language ", including the identity of the person who reported the alleged conduct".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-6-118, is amended by deleting subdivision (c)(2)(C) and substituting:

(C) Shall provide to law enforcement the identity of the person who reports abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult so that law enforcement may fully investigate the alleged conduct.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-6-125(e)(5), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (A) and adding the following as a new subdivision (B):

(B) Notwithstanding subdivision (e)(5)(A), identifying information for the person who reports a case of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult may be disclosed to law enforcement and the district attorney general.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.